

## 1918 LIGHTING OF STREETS TO COST \$115,296

The sum of \$115,296.27 is requested by the Lamp Committee of the Common Council for the maintenance of the city's lighting system during the next fiscal year in its requisition filed with the city auditor today. The amount is approximately \$11,000 more than was granted this year.

The committee would add 25 new white way lamps on State street and would change 25 are lamps in the center to lamps of the white way type. It also asks for an appropriation for 50 new are lamps and 50 tungsten lamps, and the sum of \$250 for lighting the Roosevelt street bridge.

## HIGH COST GETS CAMILLE IN BAD

Nick Camille, of Trumbull Road, thought he had found the only possible solution of the high-cost-of-living problem when he went into the Bridgeport Public Market, on Bank street, and commenced to alter the price marks on goods he needed.

He might, indeed, have saved about \$2.50 on what would have cost him \$4.00, but for the keen-sightedness of a clerk, who complained to Patrolman Harry Green and caused the man's arrest on a charge of fraud. Camille will be tried in the city court tomorrow.

## SEEK RELATIVES OF DEAD YOUTH

In a telegram from the chief of police of Plainville, N. J., the local authorities were today informed of the death in that city of a young man named Walter Griewood, and were requested to make an effort to locate here his father and brother, believed to be living in Bridgeport. Detectives are looking into the matter.

## MY MEN BOAST OF ST. CHARLES

A service flag with 247 stars, representing that number of young men of St. Charles church parish in the United States service will be unfurled from the church at the corner of East Main and Sullivan streets tomorrow. It will be the first service flag unfurled by a Catholic church in this city.

## MINUTE MEN READY FOR BIG CAMPAIGN

Shelton, Dec. 28.—Members of the Connecticut army of Four-Minute Men, 120 in number, are about to play an important part in the war effort campaign in this state, which is now under way, and by means of which it is expected to raise \$50,000,000 in contributions before January 1, 1918. Howell Cheney, director of the national war savings committee for Connecticut, and Rev. Morris E. Albee of Rocky Hill, state chairman of the Four-Minute Men, are making final arrangements for the appearance of the speakers in every theatre in Connecticut.

The Four-Minute Men will begin their campaign next week, and will continue until Saturday, January 13. Mr. Cheney predicts that the beneficial results which followed their speaking in the Liberty Loan campaigns and other patriotic activities will be repeated.

Two persons were killed in an air raid made on Mannheim.

## DIED

WRIGHT—In this city, Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917, Henry L. Wright, of 212 Kosciusko St., aged 74 years, 3 months, 15 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from 9 to 11 a. m. at St. Elizabeth's church, No. 174 Fairfield avenue on Monday, Dec. 31st at 2 o'clock.

Those unable to attend the funeral may view the remains on Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday.

Interment at Lakewood cemetery. Automobile cortege. T 35 p.

KOZIER—In this city, Friday, Dec. 28, 1917, Miner Kozier.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 154 Prospect street on Monday, Dec. 31, at 2 p. m.

Interment at Lakewood Grove cemetery. Automobile cortege. 2 p.

HARRY—Entered into rest in this city, Dec. 28, 1917, Anna Louise, daughter of Johann and the late David Harry of 114 Jones avenue.

Funeral private; friends are invited to attend funeral mass at St. Augustine's church at 9 o'clock Monday, Dec. 31st.

Interment St. Michael's cemetery. Automobile cortege. a\*

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to friends, neighbors, L. O. O. F. lodge, and to all for kindness shown us in the loss of husband and son, Leonard Malherbe; also desire to thank his shop mates, Singer Co., and to all for their kind letters.

MRS. ISABELLE MALHERBE, MR. MALHERBE, Sr. a\*

EXPERIENCED button hole makers for inside work. Apply 679 Fairfield Ave., corner of Park Ave. R. Halsey & Co. T 29 b\*

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# NAVY DEPT. TELLS HOW DESTROYERS SUNK ONE U-BOAT

Brilliant Work by Commanders and Crews of the Fanning and Nicholson Results in Destruction of Submarine and the Capture of Entire Crew.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew made public today by the navy department, show that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported November 24, but few facts were given at the time.

The submarine was sunk, the navy department's story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla convoyed by the destroyers.

The navy department's full story of the incident follows:—

"At about 4:10 p. m. while escorting a convoy, Coxswain David D. Loomis, lookout of the Fanning, sighted a small periscope some distance off the port bow, extending about a foot out of water, and visible for only a few seconds. The Fanning immediately headed for the spot and about three minutes after the periscope had been sighted dropped a depth charge. The Nicholson also speeded to the position of the submarine, which appeared to be heading toward a merchant vessel in the convoy, and dropped another depth charge. At that moment the submarine's conning tower appeared on the surface between the Nicholson and the Fanning, and the Nicholson fired three shots from her stern gun. The bow of the submarine came up rapidly. She was down by the stern but righted herself and seemed to increase her speed. The Fanning headed for the U-boat, firing from the bow gun. After the third shot, the crew of the submarine all came on deck and held up their hands, the submarine surrendering at 4:33 p. m.

"The Fanning approached the submarine to pick up the prisoners, both destroyers keeping their batteries trained on the boat.

"A line was got to the submarine but in a few minutes she sank, the line was let go and the crew of the U-boat jumped into the water and swam to the Fanning.

"Although the crew all wore life preservers, the statement continues, 'a number of them were exhausted when they reached the side of the destroyer. As the submarine sank, five or six men were caught by the radio aerial and carried below the surface before they disentangled themselves. Ten of the men were so weak that lines had to be passed under their arms to haul them aboard.

"One man was in such a condition that he could not even hold the line thrown him. Chief Pharmacist's Mate Elmer Harwell and Coxswain Francis G. Connor, (N. Y. V.) jumped overboard after this man and secured a line under his arms. When he was hauled aboard every effort was made to resuscitate him but he died in a few minutes. The four officers of the submarine and 35 members of the crew were all taken prisoners.

"After being taken on board the prisoners were given hot coffee and

sandwiches. Though kept under strict guard they seemed contented and after a short time commenced to sing. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them warm coats and heavy clothing.

"The German officers said the first depth charge had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth.

"The submarine bore no number, nor distinguishing mark. She was, however, identified by life belts and by statements of an officer and men of the crew. One of the life belts, the reports said, had 'Kaiser' marked on one side and 'Gott' on the other.

"The Fanning proceeded to port and transferred her prisoners under guard. As they were leaving in small boats the Germans gave three cheers. The commanding officer of the Fanning read the burial service over the body of the dead German sailor and the destroyer proceeded to sea and buried him with full military honors.

"In his report the commander of the Fanning praises the conduct of his officers and crew and gives particular credit to Lieutenant Walter O. Henry, officer of the deck, and Coxswain Loomis, who sighted the periscope. He also commends Pharmacist's Mate Harwell and Coxswain Connor, who jumped overboard to save the drowning German.

"The British commander in chief, under whom the destroyers were operating, said in his report to the British admiralty:

"The whole affair reflects credit on the discipline and training of the United States flotilla, and added that the incidents showed the Fanning is a man-of-war in the best sense of the term, well disciplined and organized and ready for immediate action. He also praises her commander, Lieut. A. S. Carpenter, and commends Harwell and Coxswain Connor.

"The Nicholson was commanded by Lieut. G. Fort. The British admiralty sent a telegram to the commander in chief, directing him to express to the commanding officer, officers and men of the Fanning its high appreciation of their successful action against enemy submarines.

"Vice Admiral Sims, commanding the American forces operating in European waters, commended the officers and men of the Fanning and Nicholson. Coxswain Loomis was advanced to the next higher rating in recognition of his vigilance in sighting the periscope."

## CONFIRM REPORT OF TORPEDOING OF CUNARD SHIP

New York, Dec. 29.—Officials of the Cunard Line here today confirmed previously published reports of the sinking by a German submarine of the steamer Vindex off the British Isles.

The Vindex was a freight carrier of 5,500 tons gross. She was built in Sunderland in 1904.

## CITY COMPLAINS OF OBSTRUCTIONS

Following a series of complaints to city officials, the United Illuminating Co. refused to remove the obstructions from the sidewalks in front of its plant near the railroad viaduct on Congress street, and as a result complaint was made to the superintendent of police today by City Clerk Robinson.

Materials of the company, including two large cable spools and pipes, have blocked the sidewalk for several days, forcing pedestrians into the roadway, according to the many complaints made.

## EAMES HEADS PARK BOARD ONCE MORE

George M. Eames was re-elected president of the Board of Park Commissioners for the thirteenth consecutive time at a meeting of the board yesterday. Eames was appointed a member of the board in 1908 after his father, Albert Eames, had completed 22 years as head of the board. After being a member two years Eames was elected president, which position he has held until the present term. Upon completion of his present term in 1920, Eames will have served 33 years. He serves without compensation. The only other city official in the city's service longer is City Auditor Bernard Keating.

## ARCANUM LODGE, NO. 41, L.O.O.F.

Many of the older members of Arcanum lodge were present at last meeting for the year at Arcanum lodge last night and a general reunion was the result. Two candidates, who were unable to be present last week, were advanced to the third degree. Two new members were also admitted by transfer. Election of officers resulted in the following brothers being elected: Noble grand, Ray S. Vanstone; vice grand, Ben Stewart; recording secretary, Lester H. Vanstone; treasurer, George E. Curtis; custodian, George B. Man; pianist, Fred B. Granniss.

## SECTION HAND, HIT BY TRAIN, FATALLY HURT

New Haven, Dec. 29.—As the transportation troubles on the steam roads today's storm caused a interruption to ordinary pursuits in Connecticut. The snowfall up till noon was light and the temperature held steadily close to the zero mark in most places.

In Stamford Dominico Lippolis, a section hand at work on the tracks in front of the station, was fatally hurt when struck by the Boston express.

## ARRESTED FOR ABUSE

Frederick Stoff, of 437 Helen St., became abusive, the police say, when informed by the lady of the house at 237 Myrtle avenue, this morning, that his wife, who was employed there, was not about at the time. Complaint resulted in his arrest on a breach of the peace charge.

## Congressman Enlists In the Regular Army



Congressman Royal C. Johnson of Aberdeen, S. D., has enlisted as a private in the regular army and is stationed at Camp Meade. He has not resigned his seat in congress.

## HENEY PLANNING TO EXTEND N. E. PACKING PROBE

Boston, Dec. 29.—Control by the packers of the hide and leather industry, as well as the rendering business, with its many branches was indicated by the evidence elicited by the federal trade commission which closed for the time being its local inquiry into the country's meat industry today.

As J. B. Maloney of the Brighton Dressed Meat Co. told of selling his hides to the American Hide & Leather Co., Francis J. Heney, the commission's special counsel, asked whether he was aware that that was a Swift concern. The rendering company which took the waste of Mr. Maloney's company and the property owners he paid rent to, Mr. Heney said, were directly or indirectly in control of the Swifts.

The witness did not know.

The story of an attempt to operate an independent rendering company was related by William M. McDonald, at present engaged in the wholesale meat business in this city.

McDonald said he put \$50,000 capital into the rendering plant and borrowed an additional \$50,000 from the Exchange Trust Co. of this city.

"At what rate?" asked Mr. Heney. "A \$5,000 bonus for six months, a sliding scale of interest, starting at 10 per cent. and decreasing to 8 and 6 per cent. In addition I gave them a mortgage on the plant and \$100,000 in bonds which tied me up so I could not raise any more money on the property," the witness answered.

At first, McDonald said, he had more business than he could attend to, but later he began to feel competition and the bank commenced to press him for money. To satisfy their demands, he said, he gave up bit by bit all his property, lost his health and finally the plant, but paid his indebtedness in full.

In adjourning the session to enable the commission to return to Washington this afternoon Mr. Heney said the surface had only been scratched in New England and that he planned to return soon to finish the investigation.

President John J. Martin of the Exchange Trust Co. denied today testimony given at the federal trade commission inquiry into the packing business, to the effect that his bank had charged William McDonald 10 per cent. interest on a loan, or that the bank had accepted a bonus for making the loan.

## BRITISH LABOR UNIONS PROTEST FOOD SHORTAGE

London, Dec. 29.—The national convention of the trade unions, labor party and war emergency workers passed resolutions today protesting against "the sufferings now being unnecessarily inflicted on the masses of urban consumers by the prolonged delay of the government in organizing an equitable system of distribution of the supplies of food," and demanding equal sharing among all families, without distinction as to wealth or class, with compulsory rationing.

Robert Smille of the Miners' union warned the government, in moving the resolution, that "a grave crisis is arising in this country and may break out unless the government endeavors to act fairly to all."

The whole policy of the government, declared Bevan, of the Dock Workers' union, had been to "play into the hands of the American ring."

"Talk of food control—there will soon be nothing left to control," he said.

## 2,000 PIGEONS ARE WANTED IN ARMY

Baltimore, Dec. 29.—Baltimore has been asked by the pigeon department of the Signal Corps, U. S. A., to supply 2,000 homing pigeons for use of American forces in France at the earliest possible date.

A meeting of fanciers of the city was held last night to formulate plans for supplying the birds. It is expected that a supply of pigeons will be available by the middle of February.

It has been found that homing pigeons can carry messages under circumstances in which the wireless and the telephone cannot be employed. Ninety-seven per cent. of the messages sent by carrier pigeons have come safely through.

Provost Marshal General Crowder, announced that the next call for draft men will not be issued before February 15.

## HOWLAND'S

Bridgeport, Conn., Saturday, Dec. 29. Forecast: Generally fair tonight and Sunday; continued cold.

# Fine suit Fine overcoat Fine economy.

Look critically at the splendid collection of overcoats and suits at \$25.

And THEN pick from them all, the one you like best and pay for it but \$19.50!

Such is the chance till Monday night.

A suit or an overcoat from Kuppenheimer.

A suit or an overcoat from Hart Schaffner & Marx!

Pick of all the handsome cloths that the season has sent us!

A style as full of snap or as quiet and retiring as a man wishes!

A young man's suit or overcoat—or a suit or overcoat for conservative man!

Every sort of overcoat—belted and plain, storm or dress, fancy woolen or plain!

Every type of suit for business and for general service!

Every one that has been \$25, right from the collection of today—

It makes no difference whether you are tall or short, slender or of well-rounded figure,—there is a suit and an overcoat at this special price of nineteen dollars and a half FOR YOU!

## THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

## AMERICANS ARE NEEDED IN FRANCE

New York, Dec. 29.—Walter N. Kernan, Overseas Commissioner for the Knights of Columbus, who has just returned to this country from Pershing's headquarters, says there is great need in the war effort districts for able bodied men of the various trades, but that no man under forty years of age should be sent abroad for other than active service with the fighting forces.

"Lots of Americans are doing good work in France," continued Mr. Kernan, who is a New York lawyer and a son of the late United States Senator Francis Kernan, "and there are also lots of them who should be back on this side. Among the latter are women as well as men who either have finished their particular work and have remained out of curiosity, or who have gone abroad merely as sight-seers."

## TAKE MUNITION PLANTS INVENTORY

Washington, Dec. 29.—The government is taking an inventory of all the plants in the country capable of producing munitions and whose output at any time in the past, in whole or in part, has been munitions. Thousands of smaller plants scattered over the country have gone into the munition industry on a limited scale. Factories engaged in manufacturing farming implements have during the last three years found the business profitable. Many of them are now installing machinery to go into the manufacture on a big scale.

Whether or not a secretary of munitions is created, whoever is responsible for the furnishing of the American armies with munitions faces a heavy task. The determination manifested now is to develop beforehand in this important part of the war program.

## U. S. SUBMARINES COPIED BY FRENCH

Washington, Dec. 29.—American-built submarine chasers on duty in French waters have proved so satisfactory to the French naval authorities that the navy's 110-foot type boat may be copied by the French.

A recent French report on the seaworthiness of the little craft told how a storm drove a French light cruiser and several destroyers to shelter, leaving only an American-built chaser on guard with a fleet of merchantmen the vessels were convoying.

## STATE COUNCIL SUGGESTS WAYS TO SAVE COAL

Hartford, Dec. 29.—Radical changes in methods of daily living, more sweeping probably than have previously been officially suggested anywhere in the United States, are proposed in a letter sent out today by the committee on fuel conservation of the Connecticut State Council of Defense to all the local fuel committees in the state. The suggestions aim at a saving of coal by reducing the hours within which certain public semipublic places are to be kept open each day. They include the following proposals:

That saloons, theaters, and other places of amusement be open fewer hours each day; that churches hold union services which would allow some of them to close for the duration of the war; that country clubs close wholly or partly; that the holiday recesses of schools be extended, and that private green houses be closed entirely.

Among the proposals to be taken up at community meetings is one to curtail the hours of saloons from 8 p. m. to 9 p. m. Cardinal Gibbons has already issued an appeal to this effect.

## WOMEN NURSES FOR HOSPITAL SHIPS

Atlantic City, Dec. 29.—Mrs. M. H. Watson, a prominent Chelsea woman, was yesterday made defendant in a suit for \$4,000 in the district court for having attended services in Christ Methodist Protestant church on the morning and evening of Dec. 16 and similar services Dec. 23. The charge is trespass.

Suit was instituted by Lee F. Washington, attorney for the church, at the instance of the elders, who had Mrs. Watson "read out" of the church some time ago, following a sensational hearing of charges of slander against one of the deacons.

The complaint states that the plaintiff was "in possession of the church" on the dates named and that she "unlawfully, wilfully and intentionally entered upon said land" after being forbidden and in spite of the plaintiff's protest.

The church is demanding \$4,000 on each of the four counts in addition to the costs of the suit.

Secretary of War Baker told the Senate Inquiry Committee that conditions at the camps were improving.

## TAXI A RARE SIGHT IN BERLIN STREETS

Conditions in Berlin and other parts of Germany are revealed in newspapers from the German capital which have just reached New York. "Taxis will disappear" altogether in Berlin, says the Tageblatt. "At present there are 270 taxis operating in Greater Berlin, but one sees not more than from 150 to 200 cars in the streets, owing to the difficulty in obtaining gasoline. 'All the taxis are without rubber tires, and the supply of gasoline will be exhausted soon.'"

Prof. Dr. Thomas, director of the Pharmaceutical Institute in Berlin, states in the Vossische Zeitung that "since the outbreak of the war 16,000 substitutes have appeared on the market, of which not less than 7,000 are substitutes for food."

A telegram received by the same paper from Posen says: "The commander of the Fifth Army Corps has ordered that, owing to the lack of coal, all stores throughout the Province of Posen have to close at 5 p. m."

The Tageblatt of Nov. 29 gives notice to its readers that "owing to the increasing cost of raw materials, higher wages, etc., the price per copy will be increased from 5 pfennigs to 10 pfennigs (about 2 1/2 cents) beginning Dec. 1, 1917. This same notice has been taken by the Vossische Zeitung, Vorwaerts, Deutsche Tageszeitung, Germania, Zeitung am Mittag, Lokal-Anzeiger and Abendpost."

## OVERHEATING IS CAUSE OF BLAZE

An overheated furnace, at the house at 521 Connecticut avenue, set fire to cellar beams, at ten o'clock this morning, and was responsible for bringing down a roof for a run in the cold morning air. The blaze caused tripping damage, and was easily extinguished. An alarm was sounded from Box 55, a few minutes after ten o'clock.

The Red Cross drive in Manhattan has obtained 450,000 members.

When the New York night schools reopen a special course will be given for women in machine shop work.

Count Julius Andriess, former Russian Premier, declared that "the United States must save the Entente."

Dr. George M. Forbes, of the University of Rochester, opposed teaching of German in elementary schools.